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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7490

BILL NUMBER: HB 1391

NOTE PREPARED: May 2, 2013

BILL AMENDED: Mar 25, 2013

SUBJECT: Election Administration.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Richardson

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Landske

BILL STATUS: Enrolled

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: *Election Division Co-Directors-* The bill provides that if the co-directors of the Election Division are unable to resolve a dispute between themselves regarding the Election Commission's or the Election Division's budget, the Election Commission's or the Election Division's expenditures, or a contract to which the Election Commission or the Election Division is a party, the Secretary of State (SOS) may decide the matter.

SOS & the Voter List Maintenance Program- The bill requires the SOS to perform certain legally required voter list maintenance program activities, if the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) official does not perform those activities. The bill requires the SOS to: (1) obtain information from the Social Security Administration regarding Indiana residents identified as deceased; and (2) provide that information to each county voter registration office; if the Election Division does not do so.

Fund Administration- The bill provides that the consent of the co-directors of the Election Division is not necessary for the Secretary of State to receive or administer certain funds received by the state under the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Fund Administration-* This provision would change the authority for administration of the Election Administration Assistance Fund to the SOS without the need for consent from the co-directors of the Election Division. The fund had a balance of \$1.4 M at the close of FY 2012. The fund is currently used for HAVA purposes, outreach events and publications, media buys, grievance processes,

administration costs, and can be used for statewide voter registration system contracts.

Obsolete HAVA Provisions- The Voting System Replacement Fund has not been in existence since 2008. Therefore, the removal of obsolete provisions should not have an impact on state expenditures.

SOS & the Voter List Maintenance Program- The SOS office would likely be able to accomplish voter list maintenance within their existing level of resources.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Fund Administration-* The Secretary of State would be the sole agent of the state to decide when to apply for funds from the federal government for the improvement of disability access to polling places.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Secretary of State, Indiana Election Commission, Indiana Election Division.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Indiana Secretary of State, Election Division.

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